

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number:

1000-0484

Case Title:

Shell Puget Sound Refinery

Subject of Report:

2018-04-05 Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Reporting Office:

Seattle, WA, Area Office

Activity Date:

April 5, 2018

Reporting Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Agent

13-APR-2018, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Approving Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Division Director

17-APR-2018, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

SYNOPSIS

On April 5, 2018, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interactions with the Shell Puget Sound Refinery release on February 20, 2015

DETAILS

On April 5, 2018, I interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interactions with the Shell Puget Sound Refinery release on February 20, 2015. After being notified of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), in substance, provided the following information:

On February 20, 2015, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) working at the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) when the chemical release was first noticed. The (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) began receiving many calls from tenants, including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who believed that there was a natural gas leak in the area. The staff closed all the windows in the building. All the staff there were negatively affected by the release.

The staff notified the police of the smell and then most went home. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) went home, but then decided to leave area with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), in an attempt to go somewhere upwind. There have been similar incidents of smells from the refineries in the past, but nothing as strong as this release on February 20, 2015.

The overwhelming smell made her asthma worse as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was coughing and having to use her inhaler more than normal. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believes the incident occurred because of some sort of release from one of the local refineries. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not immediately seek out medical assistance, but went to the tribal clinic during the following week.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was approximately (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the time of the release. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has had esophageal and neurological since the release, but (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is unsure if they are directly connected to the event.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is upset that there was no warning from the Shell Plant about the release.

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